

TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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A very quick hello, so I can make the publication deadline – WE'RE HERE!! Thanks to everyone who has reached out, unpacked, moved and assembled furniture, waited for deliveries, supplied detergent for our mountains of our trip weary clothing, baked for the fabulous coffee hour, sang beautifully, shared bread and wine and welcomed extravagantly. We're off to a wonderful beginning; the beginning of journey deep into the heart of the divine. You have touched our hearts. Now, let's go make the world a better place!

Many of you have asked what I like to be called. Sharon will do nicely. Some of my quirkier friends have enjoyed calling me Father Sharon (please, not Mother!) For our children, as you teach them about respect and proper address, Rev. Sharon works very well. But mostly, I hope that you will call me your friend.

Peace to you,

Sharon+

**103rd Annual
Trinity Church Fair
Saturday September 11th 2010**

Trucks and Strong Backs needed for Friday night set up of Fair Sept. 10, 4 pm on - dinner provided!
We can use all hands to get all the Fair goodies out and set up!

Thanks, Rod rodnefhayes@yahoo.com
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Administration

Parishioners create a new look for Trinity's Office

Trinity's Parish Office has new furniture and lights, the walls, ceiling and woodwork have a new coat of paint, and new handmade curtains have been hung to give the office a fresh more professional look. The new furniture was donated by Mark McElrath and his company Solidus. The office was painted thanks to Kris Lockwood, Jim Atkinson and Sandra Baldwin. Jane Dougherty provided the material and Ruth Knowlton sewed a new set of curtains to add color to the room. We thank each of these people for contributing their time, talent and goods to improve the office. This is an example of how parishioners can become good stewards of what God has given us.

Pastoral Care

Lunch Meeting
Tuesday Sept 14th
12:00 Guild Room

Meet with our new rector Sharon Gracen. Bring sandwich and fruit or dessert to share. Please confirm your attendance with Jeanne McParland or the church office.

Outreach

Thanksgiving in August



Feed the hungry

We have been truly blessed by the presence of Father Bob and Glee! The food drive in their honor was a wonderful success. We were able to give Branford Food Council 520 lbs. of food! Thank you for all of your donations!

Christ

Stewardship's Ministry Spotlight

Bill Davis

We are blessed with many special people within Trinity, all of whom have contributed their time and talent to help create a cherished spiritual home for our faith community. One of those parishioners is Bill Davis. Bill and his beloved wife of 58 years, Isabell, joined Trinity over 50 years ago following his discharge from the Navy. Since that time, Bill has been involved in many activities that have helped Trinity grow. "I was both Junior and Senior Warden on Vestry, in addition to Clerk, and taught Sunday School under Rev. Martin. I also worked with Jim Atkinson training Acolytes and Crucifers." He currently serves as a Lector at the 8 AM service, and for a number of years served as an Intercessor and Chalice Bearer. Bill was a member of several important committees in the past. "When I was Co-Chair of the first Restoration Campaign, I was astonished to find that the beautiful Chancel window over the altar was about to fall out of its frame! It was only by the Grace of God that it stayed put as long as it did!" He participated in the second Restoration Campaign, as well, under Father Libby, so has been a caring steward of Trinity's structural integrity. Other important work includes his serving on the Organ Committee, the Prayer Chain, and the First Sunday Breakfast. "I was very active in the Church Fair for quite a few years, serving for a while as Co-Chair, and had a lot of fun as a runner for the Auction Tent. Of course, that was when I was a little younger and could stay on my feet all day!" Bill also accompanied his family to Guatemala two years ago, an experience he found to be humbling and enlightening. "I'd like to go back someday, God willing."

Bill's family, who were Methodists, moved from Winchendon, MA to Wickford, RI in 1923, when his father accepted a teaching position at the local high school. With no Methodist church in the area, they fell in love with St. Paul's

Community

Compassion

Episcopal Church. "My parents participated in many church and community activities and as such, were my role models. Because of their example, I became a lifelong Episcopalian and a volunteer in the Town of Branford, as well."

Bill, of course, has a deep affection for Trinity. "I love our parish and am thankful for the many blessings it has given me. The Lord has been good to me and I've enjoyed giving back. Now I've passed on the baton to my daughter, Lisa (Davis-Rucinski), son-in-law, Mitch, and my grand-daughter, Alexa, who are all as active as I was these many years!"

They, too, have indeed had a dedicated and loving role model, haven't they?

Stewardship

Louise Gilpatrick Memorial Blood Drive

Our church family lost one of its most devoted members, Louise Gilpatrick, in 2009. She left behind a personal legacy that truly speaks to our mission within Trinity Church; a legacy of caring, kindness and reaching out to others. Active in the community as well, Louise consistently took part in local blood drives, donating countless pints of blood. Because of her compassionate participation in seeing to the needs of others, it gives us great pleasure to name Trinity's forthcoming Blood Drive in her honor.

In order to host the drive and set a date for this important event, Trinity must offer the American Red Cross assurance that a minimum of 35 people will donate blood. Our goal is to collect at least 100 pints of blood through effective publicity, inviting our neighbors and friends to participate. Your willingness, as parishioners, to take part in the drive is critical. If you are willing to donate, please let us know in one of three ways: by signing up on a sheet posted in the Narthex; by calling the office and asking Jane to include

your name on the list; or by e-mailing the office directly at trinity.church@sbcglobal.net.

Please respond by September 7th (Labor Day). Once we have 35 names, we can book the actual date, which will be between November and early spring.

Liturgy & Worship

I Am More than Flesh and Bone

"I am more than flesh and bone"

Says Christ

"I am body,

I am me.

Take this broken bread and be as me,

All of you

Ald I shall set you free."

"I am love and liveliness"

Says Christ

"I am blood,

I am me.

Take this outpoured wine and live my life,

Each of you

And I shall set you free."

We are body and the blood

Of Christ

Broken, shared,

Wine and bread –

Dreaming, praying, working, joyfuller

For that day

When everyone is free!

Bill Wallace, Aotearoa/New Zealand

From Gifts of Many Cultures

Evangelism & Fellowship

Trinity Book Group

The Trinity Church Book Group is starting up its fourth season and is always eager to welcome new members to the group. On Wednesday, September 1st at 7:00pm in the Guild Room, we will be gathering to make our book selections for the upcoming season. The Book Group gets together once a month from October through

June with the month of January off. Whether you are an avid reader or an occasional "pager turner", matters not. So if you are interested, please join us on September 1st. For more details, you can call Alison Barbaro at (203) 605-6692 or email her at alisonbarbaro@comcast.net.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you

Dear Friends in Christ –

Glee and I are most grateful for our time among you, sharing the ministries of Trinity Church, on the Branford Green. Thanks too, for the delightful send off, words of appreciation, two coffee hours, a beautiful signature quilt, a gift card for use in our travels, flowers, and memories beyond measure!

Encouraging folks to contribute non-perishable food stuffs in our honor was a stroke of genius! What a wonderful way to remind us all that those who are hungry are always hungry – not only at Thanksgiving or Christmas time – but at all times of the year. Indeed, where children of school age are involved, summer is particularly difficult, for school breakfast/lunch assistance programs do not function.

We thank God for our time with you, and will keep you in our prayers as you move into the next exciting chapter in the long history of Trinity Church.

Faithfully in Christ,

Fr. Bob and Glee

The Rev'd Canon Robert J. Miner and Mrs. Miner

**First Sunday Breakfast
Will Resume in October**

And By The Way

by Sally Lockwood
...sallylkwd@aol.com

As the summer marches on, I sit here on the couch, a dog on either side of me and perspiring profusely... and it's only 9 AM. With every passing year the heat (but more importantly the HUMIDITY) drops me in my tracks. I truly abhor air conditioning, but we all have had to resort to its use lately. I think the main reason that I resist turning it on is that I am claustrophobic and cannot sleep unless there is a window open in the room. This problem kind of defeats the purpose of AC. Even in the dead of winter, during raging snow storms....that window MUST be open, if only an inch. This has in the past resulted in a thin layer of snow INSIDE the bedroom. Weird? Yep!

The really good news this month is that the boat (no...we don't have one, but a really close friend does) is finally seaworthy and we spent a perfectly glorious day on the sound yesterday. The deck was loaded with coolers, fishing poles, clam hooks and buckets. Add to all that the five of us and it is a good thing that the boat is a Boston Whaler which according to boat people is virtually unsinkable....we can only hope.

Susan positively GLOWS the minute she puts a foot on the boat. Kris visibly relaxes and I am convinced that I should not only live on an island in the sun, but also should be the owner of a well equipped yacht complete with an able crew and housekeeping service. I was, for sure, born to be a pampered princess, but as luck would have it....NOT EVEN CLOSE!

So here we are anchored off Stoney Creek in the "gut" between two islands....5 fishing poles in the water and satisfied grins on five faces. We apparently got in the middle of a porgie picnic and they were ready to eat. We had a box of really nasty looking sand worms, which none of us girls were about to touch, but the fish loved them and we managed to catch about 11 "keepers". Very satisfying!

At low tide we went back to Clam Island where the water was warm and Herm (the Captain) who is the world's best clammer, dug a bucket and a half of lovely appetizers. I, on the other hand, got three...count em

THREE clams total. The older I get the tougher clamming becomes. But, we all had one of the best days of the summer so far, and sincerely hope that we can make up for the lack of a boat until this past week, for the rest of the summer and into the fall.

And by the way...Here's to old friends...They know everything about you, but can't remember any of it!

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Junior Warden: Mike Freeman

Treasurer: Regis Conlon

Clerk: James Atkinson

Vestry

Class of '11: Sherry Jones, Bob Barnett, Ann Freeman

Class of '12: Phoebe Burbine, Laura Radulski, Cathy Seibyl

Class of '13: Maureen McGuinness, Mitchell Rucinski, Stephen Sharma

Deanery Reps: Diane Rowley, Deborah Vallas, Jim Atkinson, Ann Collier



Sunday Readings for September 5, 2010

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Proper 18

First Reading: Deuteronomy

30:15-20

Psalms: 1

Second Reading: Philemon 1-21

Gospel: Luke 14:25-33

September 12, 2010

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Proper 19

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-14

Psalms 51:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

September 19, 2010

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Proper 20

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Psalms 113

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

September 26, 2010

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8 & 10 AM Holy Eucharist Rite II

Proper 21

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Psalms 146

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

SUNDAY SERVICES are at 8:00 and 10:00 AM. Church School and Nursery care at 9:45.
MIDWEEK SERVICES are Wednesdays at 12:10 PM Holy Eucharist and Healing, Church.
Trinity's service is televised on local cable at 7:00 PM Sundays.



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